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Roads Construciton under PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of roads sanctioned and constructed in kilometer and the amount provided under Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during each of the last three years and the current year State-wise;

(b) if so, the details therof along with the reasons behind not making any provisions for maintenance of such roads;

(c) the details of the provisions for maintenance and repair of roads constructed under PMGSY and the amount provided therefor during the period, State-wise along with the length of roads repaired;

(d) the steps/action being taken by the Government to ensure quality upkeep and maintenance of such roads so that the same can serve for a certain spcific period; and

(e) whether any scheme has been formulated regarding plantation of trees on both sides of the roads constructed PMGSY, and if so, the detials thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) "Rural Road" is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention of the Government of India to improve the Rural Infrastructure through construction of roads. State-wise details of road length sanctioned & constructed and Central fund released under PMGSY during each of the last three years and the current year are given at Annexure-I, II&III.

(b)to(d) All PMGSY roads are covered by 5-year maintenance contract, entered into along with construction contract, with the same contractor, in accordance with the Standard Bidding Document (SBD). Maintenance funds to service the contract are budgeted by the State Governments. On expiry of 5-year post-construction maintenance, the State Governments are required to make necessary budget provision to place such roads under zonal maintenance contracts. State-wise, year-wise details of maintenance funds under PMGSY during the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure-IV.

In order to bring the execution of PMGSY works to the desired quality standard, a three tier quality management mechanism has been institutionalized. Under the first tier, the Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) are required to ensure process control through mandatory tests on material and workmanship at field laboratory. The second tier is a structured independent quality monitoring at the State level through State Quality Monitors (SQMs) to ensure that every work is inspected at initial stage, middle stage and final stage of the construction. Under the third tier, independent National Quality Monitors (NQMs) are deployed for random inspection of road works to monitor quality and also to provide guidance of senior professionals to the field functionaries. Based on the periodic monitoring of quality of roads under the 3-tier mechanism, corrective measures, wherever necessary, are taken by the State Governments.
National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) in partnership with International Labour Organization and World Bank has extended support to the States in the maintenance management of rural roads. Accordingly a Model Policy Framework for Maintenance of Rural Roads along with a Guidance note has been finalized in close consultation with the States. Based on these documents, the States have been advised to formulate their Rural Road Maintenance Policies to suit State specific needs.
Various advisories to the States have been issued regarding maintenance including conducting Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Survey for prioritization of roads for upgradation and maintenance. The PCI survey is required to be repeated every two years.

(e) The Ministry of Rural Development has prepared an action Plan for road side plantation on both sides of the PMGSY roads in convergence with MGNREGS and circulated to the State Governments. The National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) and Indian Road Congress (IRC) have jointly issued detailed technical guidelines (IRC: SP: 103-2014) for road side plantation on PMGSY roads. States have been requested to take follow up action for plantation of trees on the flanks of PMGSY roads in consultation with Gram Panchayats/Zilla Panchayat and MGNREGA functionaries.